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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : NORBERT KOTHE ET AL
SERIAL NO. : TO BE ASSIGNED
FILED : HERewith
FOR : A METHOD FOR THE CHROMATOGRAPHIC FRACTIONATION
OF PLASMA OR SERUM, PREPARATIONS, SO OBTAINED,
AND THEIR USE
ART UNIT : TO BE ASSIGNED
EXAMINER : TO BE ASSIGNED

January 11, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert as the first paragraph of the specification the following new paragraph: - This

ai application is a 371 of PCT/EP00/05827 filed on June 23, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 5-12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24-27 as follows: